

Swanson selected as MSVCC Instructor of the Year

Staff Reports

Bob Swanson of Tupelo, astronomy instructor at Itawamba Community College, has been named Mississippi Virtual Community College Instructor of the Year. “While I’m still a bit incredulous, the fact that I was selected out of so many worthy candidates somehow validates my online teaching mantra - that online students deserve a learning experience that is as similar as possible to the one received by their traditional, face-to-face counterparts,” Swanson said. “Thankfully with today’s technology sup-

ported by the vision and know-how of ICC’s eLearning and TIS departments, this goal can largely be achieved.”

The voting committee cited Swanson’s significant use of multi-media by adding and recording videos as something that sets his class apart, according to Denise Gillespie, dean of eLearning.

Criteria for selection included demonstrates a genuine concern for students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn; motivates students to learn and facilitates in-depth learning; develops meaningful and innovative curricula; has the respect and admiration of



Bob Swanson

his colleagues; arranges media and content in the online environment to help students transfer knowledge most effectively; strives to improve and grow both personally and professionally; provides on-

line leadership in a manner that promotes student success through regular feedback, prompt response and clear communication of expectations and an innovator in online teaching and learning.

Swanson was a member of one of NASA’s 11-educator teams for its Airborne Astronomy Ambassadors program and flying on its Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy this month. The program is a professional development opportunity for educators designed to improve teaching methods and inspire students. SOFIA is based at NASA’s Armstrong Flight Re-

search Center’s facility in Palmdale, Calif.

Swanson’s background includes Shannon High School, where he taught physics, physical science and earth science; professional meteorologist - six years as a TV weatherman and four years as assistant weather editor of *USA Today*. He earned bachelor’s degrees in both physics and philosophy from The University of Scranton and a master’s degree in meteorology from Penn State University. He and his wife, Meredith, are the parents of three sons, D.J., Nate and Henry.

Budget update reflects reduced funding

JARED SHIELDS
Staff Writer

Since the last budget update last December, new information is available about the financial situation for FY 2018, according to ICC President Mike Eaton.

He said recently that Mississippi’s community colleges should expect the overall budget for FY 2018 to be \$207 million. Each community college receives appropriation from this overall budget based on enrollment, square footage of buildings and other various factors.

This updated budget would mean a \$16 million cut to the overall budget for FY 2018, Eaton said. It will be added on top of two cuts in 2016 equaling \$600,000, and it would mean a \$1.3 million cut to ICC’s funding.

Eaton went on to say that he believes ICC is entering “lean times. We have done everything we can to provide quality services and take care of our staff and students, and these cuts have created strain on the community college system.” Budget cuts, which have been implemented for the past four fiscal years, have become a growing detriment to Mississippi’s community colleges.

The state of the current budget is far from what was requested in the MACJC Legislative plan, according to Eaton. The original plan focused on three priorities and would have added nearly \$250 million to the overall budget. This plan was proposed to legislators during a joint luncheon with Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville in November.

Priority one focused on fair funding and basic operational cost increases, equaling nearly \$52 million. This budget increase would have brought about better programs of study that would improve Mississippi’s current status in education- and training-based economy.

Priority two called for workforce and economic development money increases, totaling approximately \$37 million. (See *Legislative*, page six.)

Taylor Kennedy

Most Beautiful 2017

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The top five include, from left, Tessa Ewing, second; Kateland Kennedy, first; Taylor Kennedy, Most Beautiful; Georgia Kate Conner, third; and Madison McMillen, fourth.



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Your words matter

The attitude you have with people says a lot about who you are. Personally, I’ve had to work on how I react to certain people and situations.

When I was younger, I didn’t know the effects my words would have on the people with whom I spoke. Whatever came to my mind came straight out of my mouth. Of course, it didn’t sound *that bad* or inappropriate in my head. Over time, however, I realized that these words were not building someone up. They were doing exactly the opposite, and they were pointless because of that.

I didn’t start to comprehend this until high school. I was suddenly immersed in a world where boys and girls were constantly tearing down one another with their words - rumors, verbal confrontations, snarky side comments and bullying. I realized that I didn’t want to be like my peers because I knew what it felt like to receive those harsh words. It wasn’t fun. And I didn’t want to be the reason for someone’s unhappiness. I didn’t want anyone else to experience any emotional pain because of even one word that I spoke. This weighed heavily on me during my junior year of high school, so I turned to my faith. I realized that I had to change the way I was with people.

First, I knew that I had to adjust the way that I thought about people. If I didn’t *think* about them badly, I wouldn’t *talk* about them badly. I slowly but surely got to the point where my first impressions of people were positive and not negative. That helped tremendously with how I approached people and how I even listened to them. I was less skeptical and more understanding. I was less cold-hearted and more empathetic. I was less cynical and more caring. My relationships with people, in general, improved. I learned to leave judgment behind when I met someone new, and I learned to admire people rather than think critically of them.

Since my junior year, I’ve grown as a person. I’ve learned to be happier because I am not constantly thinking of ways to tear someone else down. My attitude toward strangers is an inviting one, now. I will talk with anyone, no matter whom they are, their appearance or what others choose to say about them. I want everyone to feel the same way I want to feel - important.

And, in a world filled with judgmental scowls, it’s nice to see a friendly face. I try my best, every day, to be that friendly face. I implore everyone to do the same.



Madison Nanney
Commentary

College CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March/April

March...
Advising period begins

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April...
eLearning second four-week classes begin

April...
Easter holiday

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Upcoming
Recruiting visits
Mississippi State University
Mar. 23 - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fulton - Student Services Building

University of Mississippi - Oxford
Apr. 17 -
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Fulton - Student Services Building

University of Mississippi - Tupelo
Mar. 20, Apr. 4 and 19
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Fulton - Student Services Building

University of North Alabama
Apr. 20 - 9 a.m.-noon
Fulton - Student Services Building

Spring ‘17 Exam Schedule

DAY CLASSES			
Period	Time	Day	Date
B/BB	8-10:15	Thur	May 4
K	10:30-12:45	Thur	May 4
L	1-3:15	Thur	May 4
H	3:30-5:45	Thur	May 4
C/CC	8-10:15	Fri	May 5
M	10:30-12:45	Fri	May 5
O	1-3:15	Fri	May 5
A/AA	8-10:15	Mon	May 8
E/DD	10:30-12:45	Mon	May 8
N	1-3:15	Mon	May 8
D	8-10:15	Tue	May 9
F	10:30-12:45	Tue	May 9
G/EE	1-3:15	Tue	May 9

AFTER WORK - EVENING - WEEKEND-CLASSES			
Period	Time	Day	Date
i/j	-3:35-5:45	Tue	May 2
P/Q	- 3:35-5:45	Wed	May 3
Tue	6-8:40	Tue	May 2
Wed	6-8:40	Wed	May 3
Thur	6-8:40	Thur	May 4
Sat			
Mon	6-8:40	Mon	May 8

Staff Reports

Facing challenges Be Different; Be Bold...Be You!

We all wonder what college will be like in comparison to high school after graduation.

Will I see the people with whom I graduated? Will I be the same? Can I start over and let this be a new beginning?

The answers to these few of the many questions asked by both freshmen and sophomores can vary among groups. While some already know that being themselves is essential to being happy and successful in college and life, others do not understand how important it is to love the skin into which they were born. I had this hard adjustment period since I was a quiet wallflower in high school and didn’t know what to expect when I decided to attend ICC.

When I first enrolled at Itawamba Community College, I was afraid of change, to be seen as different from the people around me because that is how I felt while in high school. Yes, I had friends, but they represented the me I aspired to be in the future, a young woman who was the opposite of my then present self. College became the new place and beginning since graduation.

Being that I am accustomed to the normal cliché of finding the group where I belong, but I didn’t want that when I chose to attend ICC. I wanted diversity in personality, ethnicity and humor in comparison to the people whom I would have as part of my go-to friends list. I wanted mutability in my surroundings because I chose to be here, and I realized that all the future choices are all mine to make as well.

Like many freshmen, I was afraid of the “senior” class that had already been here and knew all of the ropes before me. I questioned how I planned to get involved in campus activities and making my mark if no one knew me personally. I was quirky, weird and a big personality jammed into a small frame, and that scared a majority of those whom I first encountered at school. I was determined to not be how I was in high school, so willing to bend to fit in with everyone else and be myself. Being a member of the Indian Delegation became my platform for running for Student Government Association Pontotoc County representative and then later president the following year. I became involved in Phi Theta Kappa and even became the president for that, too! All of this happened because I stood stagnant and believed that my personal diversity and need for diversity from my surroundings would make me stand out from my peers.

I love all of the components that make me different, and I am imploring all who want a new start to do the same. Embrace the things that make you special, and don’t let others stop you from achieving your goals. It’s okay to be afraid because I was, too, but don’t be too afraid to be yourself. Be different. Be bold. Be you.



Allysa Lipsey
Commentary

Letters To The Editor

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Teacher Spotlight

Dr. Bronson Prochaska Student Success

CHRISTOPHER L.F. MONTGOMERY Staff Writer

FAMILY: Husband, John; Son, Matthew; Daughter-in-Law, Catherine

EDUCATION: Bachelor’s degree in business and accounting, master’s degree in counseling, doctorate of philosophy degree in community college leadership, all from Mississippi State University



CURRENTLY TEACHES: college life, college life honors, improvement of study, general psychology and orientation

EXPERIENCE: 26 dedicated years at Itawamba Community College.

Prochaska POSITIVES OF TEACHING: “I love getting to know my students, helping them as much as I can to be successful in finding their place in the world, as well as college.”

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: “Determine what your life goals are and make a plan to achieve them.”



Diann Nichols assists students in the Advising Center at the Fulton Campus in this file photo. The advising period for the summer and fall semesters begins today.

Advising Centers ready to assist

TORI BAUCOM Staff Writer Advising begins today (Mar. 20), and director of Advising Mande Miller reminds all students to see their adviser to register for summer and fall classes.

The Advising Centers at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses offer a variety of services. They include graduation requirement checklists, ACT and accuplacer scores, GPA calculation, how to change a major, how to locate a transcript or adviser and how to answer the many questions that students may have about their future. Students can find the link to any of these services and more online on ICC’s website, www.iccms.edu, under the service tab and then by clicking on ‘Advising Center.’

Miller said advising is an opportunity to exchange information designed to help students reach their educational and career goals. Advising is a shared responsibility between an adviser and the student. Ultimately, Miller said, it is the responsibility of the student to make deci-

sions about his/her life goals by creating a plan to reach these goals. Students are responsible for making appointments in advance, especially during busy periods. They are reminded to be at their appointment on time and cancel if they cannot be there. Miller provided additional tips including being prepared for the appointment by writing down questions/concerns in advance. During the advising period, it might also be helpful to have a list of courses they are interested in taking the following semester. Students also must keep in mind that it is their own responsibility for making their own plans and decisions, Miller emphasized. An adviser may provide advice, however, he/she cannot plan or decide any outcome for students.

The Advising Centers are located in the David C. Cole Student Services Building on the Fulton Campus and in the Student Support Center on the Tupelo Campus. Hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays.

Register now for four-week term to begin Apr. 10

Staff Reports

Registration for a four-week eLearning accelerated term is continuing at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses of Itawamba Community College. Students may register

through Apr. 10, which is the first day of classes. The schedule includes art appreciation, anatomy and physiology I and II with lab, computer concepts, English composition I and II, American

literature I and II, American history I and II, college algebra and public speaking I. For more information on registration, visit or contact Student Affairs on the Fulton Campus in the

David C. Cole Student Services Building, (662) 862-8000 or in the Student Support Center at the Tupelo Campus at (662) 620-5000 or email go2icc@iccms.edu.

Free Employability Boot Camp set Mar. 24-26 at Belden Center

Employability Boot Camp

March 24-26 • Belden Center

A FREE 3 day personal journey to upgrade your career and life.

Limited Space, Sign up now!

Day 1: Know yourself.

- /Communication Style
- /Strengths Discovery
- /Values Exploration
- /Resume' Improvement
- /Identify Your "Why"

Day 2: Grow yourself.

- /Productivity Strategies
- /Regional Jobs Overview
- /Skill Building + Adding Value
- /Across-Industry Credentials
- /Leadership & Supervision
- /Goal Setting

Day 3: Promote yourself.

- /Power of Connections
- /Social Media & Branding
- /Importance of Image
- /Art of Interviewing
- /Interviewing Improvement
- /Cover Letter Strategies

Sign up today at www.iccms.edu/skillup
email: skillup@iccms.edu

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Staff Reports

Registration is underway for an Employability Boot Camp, a free three-day personal journey to career and life upgrades, which will be the weekend of Mar. 24-26 at the ICC Belden Center (3200 Adams Farm Road). The event is designed to assist those who are seeking a job, desiring to upgrade their job or who are exploring a career change. The sessions will enable participants to learn how to be superior to hundreds of other ap-

plicants and leave with tangible actions to make themselves more marketable and valuable to potential employers. Sessions will include Mar. 24 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) - Know yourself including communication style, strengths discovery, values exploration, resume' improvement; Mar. 25 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) - Grow yourself including productivity strategies, regional jobs overview, skill building, adding value, across-industry credentials, leadership and supervision, goal-setting; and Mar. 26

(1-6 p.m.) - Promote yourself including power of connections, social media and branding, importance of image, art of interviewing, interviewing improvement and cover letter strategies. Lunch will be included on Friday and Saturday. The featured speaker is Megan Watt, speaker, author, career coach, facilitator and the Chief Dream Maker of Dream Catalyst Labs based in Madison, Wisc. Other speakers include Toni Avant, director of the Career Center at the University of Mississippi;

Josh Mabus, president and founder of the Mabus Agency; and Shane Homan, senior vice president of economic development for the Community Development Foundation. Because space is limited, early registration is encouraged at www.iccms.edu/skillup. Sponsors include Community Bank, 2ndChanceMS.org, Families First and ICC. For more information, contact Jason Spradlin at (662) 407-1524 or skillup@iccms.edu.

Submit health-related program applications by Apr. 1

Staff Reports

Apr. 1 is the deadline for the submission of applications for several health-related programs at Itawamba Community College. They include associate degree

nursing, health information technology, licensed practical nursing (August class), occupational therapy assistant technology, physical therapist assistant technology, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy technology and surgical

technology, all at the Tupelo Campus, and public health technology, the new online program. For more information about program requirements, access ICC’s website at www.iccms.edu or call (662) 620-5239.

APRIL 1

Deadline for scholarship, health program applications

FYI

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

SPRING 2017

March 22

New Frontiers: Ways to Wow Instructors with Inventive Research Topics, Fulton, noon-12:30 p.m., Writing Center - Tech. Ed. Bldg.

March 24

New Frontiers: Ways to Wow Instructors with Inventive Research Topics, Tupelo, noon-12:30 p.m., Writing Center - Student Support Center

April 5

To Google or Not to Google: Foolproof Ways to Get the Most Of Your Researching Experience, Fulton, noon-12:30 p.m., Writing Center - Tech. Ed. Bldg.

April 7

To Google or Not to Google: Foolproof Ways to Get the Most Of Your Researching Experience, Tupelo, noon-12:30 p.m., Writing Center - Student Support Center
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ICC Band sets auditions

Staff Reports

The ICC All-American Band has scheduled auditions for Apr. 13 at the Fulton Campus.

Auditions and their locations include drum major, W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center 103A; Indianettes/dancers, 303A and color guard, Fitness Center gym. Color guard and Indianette auditions are at 3:30 p.m., and drum majors will try out at 2 p.m.

The dancers are required to learn a dance auditions and must execute it well enough to make the line. Feature twirlers, who are required to wear a uniform during the audition, must upload a video. No set time is scheduled for their auditions. Instrumental auditions are by appointment only by contacting Ryan Todd at rotodd@iccms.edu or (662) 862-8406 or for percussion, Dr. Brian Cheesman, bscheesman@iccms.edu or (662) 862-8303.

Blood drive Apr. 18

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will host a blood drive from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Apr. 18, on the Fulton Campus near the Crane Pavilion.

To sign up for a time,

go to

www.bloodhero.com and enter sponsor code ICC-Fulton or contact Dr. Betsy Chesnutt at bcch-esnutt@iccms.edu or (662) 862-8365.

Author set for visit

Staff Reports

L. Sydney Fisher, international bestselling author of paranormal thrillers and supernatural suspense, will visit the Itawamba Community College Fulton Campus, at 1:30 p.m., Apr. 12, as part of the National Library Week celebration, according to Janet Armour, director of Library Services.

Fisher is a 2001 Writer's Digest finalist as well as a 2016 Silver Falchion award finalist.

Her family's roots are deep in Northeast Mississippi, but she also spent time as a child in Missouri and Tennessee. She earned a Bachelor of English degree from the University of Mississippi and a master's degree in higher/adult education from the University of Missouri.

She is the proud mom of two children and a Golden Retriever mix named Willie Wonka.



Most Beautiful 2016 Alicia Tubb interviews Georgia Kate Conner.

Kennedy selected as Most Beautiful

DESMONE MATHEWS

Staff Writer

Itawamba Community College sophomore Taylor Kennedy of Hatley was crowned Most Beautiful 2017, Feb. 27, at the conclusion of the annual pageant, which featured approximately 40 contestants.

"I'm overwhelmed, just very excited to have even been a part of this contest and to win it is truly a blessing," Kennedy said. "I do not even know where to begin describing the joy that it has brought me. The process allowed me to grow as an individual

and meet so many amazing friends. I look forward to serving as a representative of Itawamba Community College and the ICC Alumni Association over the next year. I am grateful to be a for-

ever member of this family that we call ICC."

The top five included Kateland Kennedy of Tupelo, first beauty; Tessa Ewing of Pontotoc, second beauty and Crowd Favorite award; Georgia Kate Conner of Ripley, third beauty; and Madison McMillen of Mantachie, fourth

beauty. Other awards included Jada Standifer of Amory, Most Photogenic; Artasia Lucas of Saltillo, Most Sponsors; Tyuna Thornton of Pittsboro, Most Social; and Taylor Kelly of Belden, Miss Congeniality.

The pageant consisted of four rounds of competition, narrowing down the finalists to 25, then to 10.

ICC's Alumni Association sponsored the pageant.

"I am grateful to be a forever member of this family that we call ICC."



Dr. Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services, congratulates Taylor Kennedy.



Mr. ICC Blake Guntharp presents roses to the Top Ten finalists.

ICC selects orientation leaders

Staff Reports

Several students have been selected as 2017 orientation leaders at Itawamba Community College.

They include Abby Cantrell, Adrian Moffett, Hayden Plunkett, Hunter Holley, all of **Amory**; Spencer Payne, Laken Jones, Taylor Kelley, all of **Belden**; Alayna Hitt of **Blue Springs**; Madison Colley of **Corinth**; Taylor McKnight of **Ecran**; MaKayla Hathcock of **Greenwood Springs**; Alexis Harris, Katelynn Stidham, both of **Guntown**; Carmen Perkins, Alix Goodwin, Jenna Hull, all of **Hamilton**; Madeline Burdine, Hali Whitt, both of **Houston**; A. J. Thompson of **Louisville**; Kelsy Minga, Madi McMillen, both of **Mantachie**; Rebekah McCreary of **Marietta**; Alexis Young, Samantha Davis, Shanda Martin, all of **Mooreville**; Jazzmine Bogan of **Nettleton**; Alexia Hayes of **New Albany**; Audrey Wilson of **Pheba**; Blake Guntharp, Nikki Lane, Allie Sappington, Allysa Lipsey, Kirsten Hester, Ana Grace Warren, Merilese Adams, all of **Pontotoc**; Haley Gray, Hannah Grace Garrison, both of **Randolph**; Micheal McNamee of **Red Banks**; Hannah Grace Harwood, Madison Roncalli, Serenity Hawkins, all of **Saltillo**; Marayna Betts of **Southaven**; Brooklyn Waldrep of **Steens**; Madalyn Stephens, Leah Pannell, Karla Morales, Claire Loden, Kateland Kennedy, Dee Stegall, Madison Hendrix, all of **Tupelo**.

They will lead small group activities, conduct campus tours and provide information to incoming freshmen during the orientation sessions, the first of which is in April.

The Wounded Warrior benefit concert set for Mar. 23 has been cancelled.

Meeting Room
CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

FULTON CAMPUS

Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
Bass Club	Jason Campbell	862.8357
	Emily Loden-Jones	862.8329
<i>Chieftain</i>	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Computer Science	Delores Tull	862.8138
Diversity Club	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
Film Club	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
Forestry Club	Emily Loden-Jones	862-8147
Fut. Ed. of Amer.	Chris Cox	862.8181
Gospel Sounds	Carrie Ball-Williamson	862.8123
ICC Early Ed.	Holly Kirk	620.5344
Indian Delegation	Emily Tucker	862.8253
LIN Report	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
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	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
	Jay Humphries	862.8381
Political Science	Chris Stevenson	862.8169
Science	Jennifer Cooper	862.8368
	Carrie Boykin	862.8793
Student Gov. Assn.	Dr. Buddy Collins	862.8271

TUPELO CAMPUS

Amer. Sign. Lang.	Nikki Martin	620.5038
Bass Club	Jason Gholston	620.5159
	Dylan Baldwin	620.5156
Comp. Prog./Net.	Tanya Cox	620.5114
Diversity Club	Sheree Lence	620.5036
Future Rad. Tech.	Paul Crum	620.5233
Future Resp. Ther.	Adam Denton	620.5258
Indian Delegation	Michael Holloway	620.5238
Legal Ed. Assn.	Lynn Millender	620.5345
	Jamie Hall	620.5324
	Bo Rowland	620.5340
NCF	Dr. Earnest Agnew	620.5208
MOSA	Robin Phillips	620.5222
OTA	Dee Dee Lomenick	620.5026
Phi Theta Kappa	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Betsy White	620.5033
	Lindsay Kinard	620.5043
	Jenny Bowers	620.5045
SkillsUSA	Brad Crowder	620.5155
SGA	Cynthia Adams	620.5305
SHIMA	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
SPTA	Dr. Cheryl Ware	620.5025

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

BSU	Chris Burrows	862.3278
Campus Minis. Int.	Tony Lee	862.8224
FCA	Nanci Gray	862.8420
Wesley Found.	John Foster	401.3863



Larry Harmon speaks at the Fulton Campus.



Mack-Arthur Turner provides advice to ICC's Tupelo Campus students.

Turner, Harmon
focus on unity
during Black History Month

JUSTIN GARY
Staff Writer

Itawamba Community College celebrated unity while commemorating Black History Month at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses last month.

The W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center at the Fulton Campus was once again filled with excitement and enlightenment during the Feb. 21 program, which included several uplifting spirituals and a powerful speech by Larry Harmon, director of transportation for the Tupelo Public School District.

Harmon focused on what he described as “...the crisis in black education.” He discussed the legacy created by African Americans throughout history, stating that Americans should “...look back at all of the people who made an impact in our lives.” He also made several references to icons of American history with whom many may not be familiar such as Frederick McKinley Jones, the man responsible for the mobile refrigeration unit that allows the shipment of fresh produce and organs around the world, and Otis Boykin, who invented the electric system for pacemakers and the guidance chips for the missile systems that protect America and its allies.

The most important topic that he highlighted in his speech was education. “Education is very important,” he continued. “We must learn from our past, so as not to repeat it.”

The purpose of the unity program was to do just that, educate students on the parts of history that brought America together as a nation, racially and socially, and to highlight how important it is for it to continue. Especially, Harmon said, during a time in which the country is deeply divided on matters such as race, a point he made time and time again with the acronym, D.I.V.E.R.S.I.T.Y, “different, individuals, valuing each other regardless of skin, intellect, talent or years (age).”

In closing, Harmon said, “I still believe there is a world for us made

from hard work and discipline...I dream of a world where love can make room for the other. But, this type of world is gonna cost us something. The tenacity to never rest until all of mankind is respected and treated fairly...Most of us feel comfortable where we are, but God cannot use you when you’re comfortable. In order for us to be where we need to be, and where God wants us to be, we must step out of our comfort zone...God made us just the way he wanted us to be.”

Harmon’s background includes 35 years in education, 20 as a coach and 15 as an administrator. A 1976 graduate of Kosciusko High School, he earned the bachelor’s degree from Valley State University and the master’s degree from the University of Mississippi. Harmon’s record as baseball coach at Tupelo High School was 509-144. His teams won three state championships, two runners-up and 18 division championships. Harmon is married to the former Sharon Collier. They have one son, Nicholas, who is a junior at Tupelo High School.

TUPELO CAMPUS

The Tupelo Campus speaker was Mack-Arthur Turner, a native of Tupelo and a recent graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Turner, who earned his high school equivalency and his associate’s degree in English with special honors from Itawamba Community College, expressed appreciation to those faculty and staff members who encouraged him along the way.

“When I first came to ICC, I didn’t know what I wanted to do,” he said. “I wanted to do something else, but I didn’t know how to get there.”

Turner said that he had been a lot of places in his life. “Blacks all over the world are doing great things,” he noted. He mentioned a trip to Quito, Ecuador to study advanced Spanish at the University of San Francisco, where “the people eat tacos rather than cornbread. All of us have an opportunity to make a difference, and that starts with education.”

Turner said that poverty is a real issue, and that he encouraged the audience to look at ways to eradicate it.

“Poverty affects the state and community as a whole,” he said. Turner mentioned several possible solutions. “Social workers can help keep families together....To those who are going to be teachers, lots of young boys are not going to college. They are going to jail or prison. How can we keep them in school?”

A healthy lifestyle, he said, will ensure that parents will be around to see their children grow up and achieve great things.

Mentioning Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. and Harriet Tubman, Turner said that “historically, Black people fought for us to get better than we are. We have the right to vote, to go to McDonald’s to get a Happy Meal.”

Turner said that the fight today is about economics. “Know that you have thousands of people who were behind you, those who are no longer here. They set the example.”

Turner noted that he believes that he can make a difference in a courtroom today.

“I want to encourage you to do your best,” Turner said. “You are the history makers. Set that standard high. There were people before you who lived and died for you. You make history, and you become a part of Black History Month.”

At ICC, Turner served as president of the Student Government Association and Phi Theta Kappa. He contributed to the *Chieftain* staff, both as a journalist and a photographer. He also had the honor of speaking at the Mississippi State Capitol on behalf of all 15 community and junior colleges. He enrolled at Ole Miss where he became a student in its Sally McDonnell Honors College. At Ole Miss he served as a senator in its Associated Student Body.

At the conclusion of his presentation, he introduced his father, who has played a significant role in the Civil Rights movement.

PTK chapters
win awards

Staff Reports

ICC’s Upsilon Sigma and Beta Tau Sigma chapters of Phi Theta Kappa won several awards at the Regional Convention, Mar. 3-4, at the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

The Fulton Campus chapter’s awards include Five-Star Chapter, Most Distinguished Chapter Finalist (seventh place out of 10), Honors in Action award (eighth place out of 10), College Project award (seventh place out of 10), Theme 2 category winner: Individualism and Collectivism, Distinguished Chapter Officer award runner-up - Adrian Moffett, Horizon Award for Advisors - Jay

Humphries, Order of the Golden Key - Jared Shields, Regional Reporter (third consecutive year to obtain a regional officer position), Newsletter award - first runner-up, Website award - first runner-up and Scrapbook award - first runner-up.

Awards for the Tupelo Campus chapter are runner up Theme 3: Rights and Responsibilities and Five-Star Chapter.

Advisors for the Fulton chapter are Robin Lowe, Jolene Hoots, Heather McCormick and Jay Humphries; and the Tupelo chapter are Dr. Delena Hukle, Jenny Bowers, Betsy White and Lindsay Kinard.

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 21

Diversity Club, 2 p.m.
Student Support Center 110
Tupelo Campus

March 27

Phi Theta Kappa, noon
Humanities 110
Fulton Campus
New officer election - April 12

March 30, April 13

Legal Education Assn., noon
Advanced Education Center 115
Tupelo Campus

Want

To Know More?

FULTON CAMPUS

Information on	Contact
Academic Honors	Cay Lollar
Activities Calendar	Dr. Buddy Collins
Admissions/Records	Cay Lollar
Advanced Placement	Dr. Michelle Sumerel
Athletics	Carrie Ball-Williamson
Band	Ryan Todd
Books/Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Advising Center
Car Registration Decals	Campus Police
Change of Adviser/Major	Mande Miller
Change in Curriculum	Adviser/Student Affairs
Counseling	Student Affairs
Counseling (Personal)	Dr. Brad Boggs, Chad Case
Course Placement	Dr. Michelle Sumerel
Evaluation of Credits	Cay Lollar
Examinations	Instructor
Faculty Office Hours	Instructor
Graduation Req.	Cay Lollar
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Intramurals/Activities	Tyrone Fox
Library	Janet Armour
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Part-Time Jobs	Student Affairs
Placement Testing	Student Affairs
Publicity/Publications	Community Relations
Registration	Cay Lollar
Schedule Changes	Adviser
Schedule Planning	Adviser
Scholarships	Diann Nichols
Student Aid/Work Study	Terry Bland
Student Government	Dr. Buddy Collins
Student Organizations	Sponsors
Summer School	Student Affairs
	Dr. Michelle Sumerel
Testing (Career)	Carla Rose
Transcripts	Cay Lollar
Tuition, Fees, Deferrals	Business office
Use of Campus Property	Dr. Buddy Collins
	Jennie Cates
Veterans Affairs	Terry Bland

TUPELO CAMPUS

Admissions/Records	Student Affairs
Advanced Placement Credit	Dr. Brad Boggs
Books and Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Carla Rose
Car Registration/Decals	Campus Police
Counseling	Student Affairs
Evaluation of Credits	Dr. Brad Boggs
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Job Placement	Carla Rose
Library	Learning Resource Center
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Registration/Early-Reg.	Student Affairs
Schedule Planning	Student Affairs
Scholarships	Dr. Brad Boggs
Student Activities	Student Affairs
Student Aid	Financial Aid office
Student Government	Cynthia Adams
	Dr. Buddy Collins
Transcripts	Student Affairs
Tuition and Fees	Business office
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid office

BELDEN CENTER

Basic Skills	Julia Houston
Continuing Education	Scott Blackley
WIOA	Brad Gates
Workforce	Dr. Joe Lowder



2017 *Mirror* editor Erin Griffith of Amory works on her message for the book’s colophon prior to its submission to Walsworth Publishing Company.

2017 yearbook packed with new, revived traditions

BRITTNEY LAWRENCE
Staff Writer

One thousand copies of the 2017 Itawamba Community College yearbook, the *Mirror*, will be available to students in only a matter of weeks, according to adviser Nina Strother.

Completed in early March, this addition to ICC’s history is packed with new as well as revived traditions.

According to editor Erin Griffith of Amory, the yearbook is divided into four main sections: Newsmakers (honors recipients, Mr. and Miss

ICC, Most Beautiful, student life, etc.), Competition, Involvement and Profiles.

The theme is “Through the Eyes of an Indian,” which Griffith explains at the beginning of the book, “To provide a first-person look, we’ve provided quotes with parentheses around them that best describe the fun and amazing experiences that ICC provides.”

This year’s staff includes in addition to Griffith, co-editor Cary Reynolds, Emily Cox, both of Amory; director of photography

Lexi Ballard, Bryanna Trulove, both of Saltillo; Mae Barnes, Dakota Taylor, both of Tupelo; Breland Bowie of Pearl; Liza Grace Bailey, Maidie Kathryn Clowers, both of Pontotoc; Amanda Poe of Blue Springs; Micheal McNamee of Red Banks and Hannah Henry of VanVleet.

The distribution date will be announced as soon as the yearbooks arrive.

Questions may be addressed to Nina Strother at (662) 862-8242 or njstrother@iccms.edu.

ICC’s WellFIT 365 partners in 5k

BRITTNEY LAWRENCE
Staff Writer

ICC’s WellFIT 365 is joining Fulton’s Bluegrass, Blues and BBQ to bring the community a chance to raise health and activity awareness.

This is possible through its partnership with both the City of Ful-

ton and its Chamber of Commerce.

The event will be Apr. 29 with packet pick up from 8-8:45 a.m. and the 5K beginning at 9 a.m. at the Play Garden Park Pavilion on Fulton’s historic town square.

All of ICC’s staff, faculty and students as well as residents of Fulton and beyond are encouraged to enjoy the age-division awarded race, according to Emily Lamb.

The fun will continue at noon, she said, with the BBQ contest, live music and food and craft vendors.

The event is a great way to get involved in the Fulton community, Lamb said.

Any ICC staff, faculty or student who wishes to volunteer should contact Lamb at (662) 862-8173.

To register for the 5k, go online to <https://racesonline.com/events/icc-wellfit-365-5k>.

Election set for Fulton SGA President

Staff Reports

All Student Government Association officers for 2017-18 but one are running unopposed for their positions.

The only election will be for the Fulton Campus SGA president. Candidates are Richard L. Campbell, Alec Hayden Plunkett and Zoie Perez.

Fulton Campus officers include Spencer H. Payne, vice president; Hannah G. Harwood, secretary; and Russell J. Applewhite, treasurer.

Tupelo Campus officers are Kirsten Hester, president; Karla Morales, vice president; Leah Pannell, secretary; and Jabari Pulliam, treasurer.

The election will be Mar. 28-29 and runoffs if needed, Mar. 30-31.

Voting procedures include

1. Log on to the myTribe portal. If you have problems logging in, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295.
2. Click the “Voting” tab, and a specific ballot will be displayed.
3. To submit a vote, click the box be-

side the candidate’s name in each election, and then click the submit button.

4. A message will be displayed asking for the vote to be confirmed.
5. After your ballot is confirmed, it will be recorded, and the elections that have votes remaining will be displayed. Vote counts are reported anonymously.

Legislative

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Priority three requested overall capital improvements. The association requested a four-year bond bill commitment of \$150 million, which would be used for maintaining and improving facilities which support various Mississippi college programs.

After going through legislative and appropriations committees, the proposed budget was brought before Mississippi’s Senate for review. The new budget, which includes a \$16 million cut to community college funding, has passed through the Senate and will now go to the House of Representatives for final approval.

Although it is currently unknown exactly when the new budget will be finished, it is expected to be completed by the end of March.

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...
Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information;.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Review lockdown procedures

ICC’s faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

“The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community,” said Dr. Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include:

- 1) Lock all doors and windows.
- 2) Close all blinds.
- 3) Turn off lights.
- 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.
- 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.
- 6) Make no noises.
- 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives the ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC’s website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It’s located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It’s up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

Shuttle

Students commuting between the Fulton and Tupelo campuses continue to have the opportunity to take advantage of a free shuttle service.

The service begins and ends in Fulton with stops in front of the Student Services buildings on both campuses as well as at the Health Science Education Center at the Tupelo Campus.

Those who ride the shuttle must have a valid ICC ID card. The shuttle departs from Fulton at 7:15 a.m. and from Tupelo at 8 a.m. In the afternoon, it departs from Fulton at 3 p.m. and Tupelo at 3:35 p.m.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at ICC, including loud music, yelling and screaming. Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Attention!

Campus Police officers are accessible at the following cell numbers for each location:

- ICC-Belden, 662.687.2752
- ICC-Fulton, 662.687.2750
- ICC-Tupelo, 662.687.2751

Students, faculty and staff should note these numbers and utilize them for emergencies.



Gospel & Bluegrass Concert

featuring Rhonda Vincent & The Rage, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver and Dailey & Vincent benefits the Itawamba Community College Foundation, Inc. The March 4 event was coordinated by the Community Relations Department.



Tombigbee Divide, winner of Pickin’ in the Pines, was the opening act.

UPCOMING Music & Arts, ETC...

April 6

Vocal Recital, 6:30 p.m.
Fine Arts auditorium

April 7

ICC Concert Band Festival
Fine Arts auditorium

April 11

Spring Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.
Fine Arts auditorium

April 13

ICCDM/Color Guard/Indianette Auditions, 2/3:30 p.m.
Fine Arts/Intramural Gym

April 20

Small Ensemble Concert, 6:30 p.m.
Fine Arts auditorium

April 21

Choir/CenterStage Auditions
2/4 p.m.
Fine Arts auditorium

April 24

Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m.
Fine Arts auditorium

April 27

CenterStage Concert, 6:30 p.m.
Fine Arts auditorium

The dates and times for each event may change as the semester progresses, according to Dr. Cass Patrick, chair of the Fine Arts Division. For more information, contact Dr. Patrick at (662) 862-8313 or email repatrik@iccms.edu.

- JUSTIN GARY-
Staff Writer

CenterStage, choir auditions set

Staff Reports

Auditions for ICC's choir and CenterStage for 2017 will be Apr. 21 in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

Times include choir, 2 p.m.; and CenterStage, 4 p.m.

Vocalists who are interested in CenterStage will be required to audition for the choir. Students will perform a prepared song of their choice, vocalize on various scales and sight read. After the choir auditions, the choreography that will be performed for auditions will be taught in an impromptu session. Each participant will also sing his/her vocal selection during this time. Having an accompaniment track or an accompanist has historically helped with the auditioning process. No a capella singing is suggested, and an accompanist will be provided if necessary.

Instrumentalists who are interested in auditioning for the CenterStage band must have a short prepared selection and be ready to demonstrate any improvising skills they may have. Percussionists will play along with an accompaniment track that will represent three different styles of music: rock, ballad and swing. These auditions will be in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

For more information, contact director Karen Davis at (662) 862-8306 or kbdavis@iccms.edu or Christy Colburn at (662) 862-8302 or cacolburn@iccms.edu.



The Itawamba Community College Student Art Competition, which is on display until Apr. 21 at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center gallery at the Fulton Campus, includes approximately 73 works from a variety of different media.

Student Art Competition features 73 works

Staff Reports

The annual Itawamba Community College Student Art Competition is on display until Apr. 21 at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center gallery at the Fulton Campus.

The exhibition includes approximately 73 works from a variety of different media, and 33 students contributed works to the competition and are represented in the gallery. A reception and awards ceremony is scheduled for Apr. 13 from 4-5 p.m.

The exhibition will be juried by University of Central Florida art alumnus Lujan Perez of Spain. Awards include Best in Show, \$150;

first, \$100; second, \$75; third, \$50; and honorable mentions.

Participants include Zakiya Irons of **Aberdeen**; Chasity Betts of **Belden**; Claire McIlwain of **Clinton**; Kristen Williams, Joseph Douglas, Alec Comer, Seana Ricks, all of **Fulton**; Michael Buchanan of **Golden**; Paige Willis of **Guntown**; Regan Holcomb of **Hamilton, Ala.**; Dylan Sullivan of **Houston**; Emily Boroff of **Mooreville**; Anna Noble of **Myrtle**; Rebecca Owens of **New Albany**; Rushune Carr of **Okolona**; Cassidy Hill of **Oxford**; John Willis, Linda Sue Spencer, both of **Pontotoc**; Justus Wright of

Randolph; Brianna Strange, Elena Whitehead, both of **Saltillo**; Marissa Capriotti of **Senatobia**; Joshua Barnes of **Smithville**; Rebekah Fairley of **Starkville**; Holly Jones, Hope Pace, both of **Tremont**; Keili Repult, Kenshawn Roby, Tucker Harris, Sarah Roper, Kalyn Murray, Jordan Crump, all of **Tupelo**; and Wesley Edmundson of **Vardaman**.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Shawn Whittington at eswhittington@iccms.edu or (662) 862-8301.



Work of art

An Itawamba Community College art student translates his idea on paper in just the right color for a project recently in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center. Many art students spend hours outside of class perfecting their work either in the classroom or outside at various locations.

Four to participate in state Honor Band

Staff Reports

Four members of the ICC All-American Band will participate in the first Mississippi Intercollegiate Honor Band, Mar. 23-25, at Hinds Community College.

They include **Yen Nguyen** of Amory (flute), **Karli Huddleston** of Saltillo (flute), **Justin Merriman** of Houston (clarinet) and **Brett Causey** of Clinton (alto saxophone). In addition, **Macy Gibson** of Pontotoc (flute) was selected as first alternate.

Auditions were open to all two- and four-year college band students (freshman through senior level) regardless of major.

The clinician will be

emeritus professor Ray Cramer from Indiana University Bloomington. He is president of the Midwest Clinic, an international band and orchestra convention with more than 14,000 attendees representing 28 countries and was recently named president of the American Bandmasters Association. He is the past president of the College Band Directors National Association and the Indiana Bandmasters Association. Cramer is in demand internationally as guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator, and he is a regular guest conductor of the Musashino Academy of Music Wind Ensemble in Tokyo.

Indian Week to feature fun activities

ZOIE PEREZ
Staff Writer

One of ICC's most exciting times of the year is Indian Week. As always, the week of Apr. 17-21 is filled with fun activities for all students to enjoy. The Fulton schedule includes:

Monday - Cookout, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Crane Pavilion; Archery tag, 2-8 p.m., intramural gym;

Tuesday - Zorb Racing (participants race each other on a track in air bubble balls), 2 p.m., intramural field;

Wednesday - Cookout, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Crane Pavilion; Indian Idol finale, W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium, 7 p.m.;

Thursday - 3-on-3 basketball tournament, 2 p.m.-until, outdoor courts; bingo, Student Activities Center, 7 p.m.;

Friday - Student Government Association members will host small, fun games for students to play and win prizes such as coupon cards for local places. (Subject to change).

The Tupelo Campus will also be the site of multiple activities throughout the week.

A full list of activities at both locations

will be on the back page of the Apr. 17 edition of the *Chieftain* as well as publicized in Student Notes, posters and via social media.

For more information, contact any SGA member or Tyrone Fox, director of Student Activities at the Fulton Campus or Cynthia Adams, counselor at the Tupelo Campus.

Scholarships benefit adult learners

Staff Reports

Recipients of Adult Learner Incentive scholarships at Itawamba Community College for the 2017 spring semester include several area students.

- They are
- Aberdeen** - O'Brian McGee;
 - Amory** - Kasietta Ezell, Angela Long, Charlotte Rooks;
 - Baldwyn** - Teriona Collier, Jennifer Ham;
 - Blue Springs** - Jennifer Baker, Candace Sanders;
 - Bruce** - Stacey Plunk;
 - Calhoun City** - Joshua Blakeney;
 - Dennis** - Kyle Granath;
 - Ecru** - Pamela Bolen, Tania Romero;
 - Fulton** - Mark Green, Althea Perkins, Brittney Steele, Justin Wilson;
 - Golden** - Jerry Crowe, Paula Crowe;
 - Guntown** - Tiffany Potts;
 - Iuka** - Sydney Linton;
 - Mantachie** - Matthew Prochaska;
 - Myrtle** - Jennifer Barnett;
 - Nettleton** - Cindy Berrios-Nguyen, Justin Grissom;
 - New Albany** - Melissa Dillard, Sasha Ellis, Caleb Yates;

- Okolona** - Kimberly Boyd, Adelia Earnest, Tyrhon-dria Leal, Ashlee Tackett;
- Pittsboro** - Katrina Freely;
- Pontotoc** - Christy Belk, Markelo Blanch, Tyesha Brown-Alejos, Mercedes Wilson;
- Saltillo** - Emily Conlee, Daniel Gardner, Caressa Jackson, Timothy Kelly;
- Shannon** - Heather Dye, Jamie Johnson;
- Tupelo** - Gregory Allen, Dondreia Blanchard, Dane Dufford, Lacey Hardin, Jacob McCord, Robin McGlaun, John Miley, Daniel Scott, Bryant Sterling, Jashonn Watkins, Corey Weaver; and
- Vardaman** - Krystyn Mann.

ICC offers a limited number of half-tuition scholarships each semester for new or returning students 23 years of age or older, who are Mississippi residents and not enrolled in college for the previous two years. Criteria for selection include enrollment in a minimum of six semester hours, meeting admission requirements, in good standing with ICC and completion of the Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). The deadline for application for the 2017 fall semester is Aug. 14. For more information, contact Diann Nichols at (662) 862-8067 or email dmnichols@iccms.edu.

ICC schedules cheer tryouts

Staff Reports

Mandatory ICC cheerleader clinics are set for Mar. 27 and 29 and Apr. 2 and 5 from 3-5 p.m. at the Fulton Campus. Tryouts are Apr. 6 at 3 p.m. For more information on cost and tryouts, email eglamb@iccms.edu.



Members of the Baker family include seated, Donald A. and Martha Baker; and standing, Beth Livingston and Don Baker.

Baker has milestone birthday; ICC receives special gift

Staff Reports

When Don Baker of Amory celebrated a milestone birthday, his family and friends presented a special gift to Itawamba Community College, which will benefit students for years to come.

The gift was the Donald A. Baker Endowed Scholarship, which also recognized his 30 years of service to the College. That service includes more than 20 years as a member of the ICC Board of Trustees and more than 25 years as a member of the Foundation Board.

“My sister, Beth, and I had no trouble getting participation from friends and family,” said Baker’s son, also named Don. “Everyone knows how much Daddy loves ICC! More than 80 friends and family members contributed to help endow the scholarship.”

Full-time students from Monroe County who have financial need and who demonstrate potential for success in college are eligible to apply for the half-tuition scholarship.

Baker, who was named ICC’s Alumnus of the Year in 1988, at-

tended IJC, where he majored in commerce, from 1954-56. Before his retirement, he served as executive vice president of operations for American Funeral Insurance Company.

He is a member of the Amory First Baptist Church where he is a deacon and involved in Sunday school outreach. Baker was a mem-

Baker also served as director of the Amory/North Monroe Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Corporation until the board of directors could hire a permanent manager.

He has been a Mason for more than 50 years and was chairman of the cemetery committee of the Amory Masonic Cemetery, where his family did all of the development work of the new section.

Baker worked with the Amory Fire Department/North Monroe County Ambulance Service for more than 30 years and was an EMT for more than 25 years. He also opened and managed an Amoco Food Shop until a permanent manager could be employed.

Baker’s family also includes his wife, Martha. Two of his grandchildren, Dr. Carlisle Livingston and Reagan Livingston, are both ICC graduates as are his son and daughter.

For more information on ICC Foundation scholarship endowment, contact Jim Ingram, director of institutional advancement, at (662) 862-8047 or email jingram@iccms.edu.

ber and chairman of the personnel committee of the Monroe County Baptist Association, which he served for more than 20 years. He retired as a CW4 with more than 38 years of service with the U.S. Army Reserve. His extensive civic involvement has included Amory Chamber of Commerce and Amory Railroad Festival past president.

“
*Everyone
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how much
Daddy loves
ICC!*
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Apr. 1 deadline for scholarship applications

Staff Reports

Apr. 1 is the deadline for submission of online applications for Foundation scholarships at Itawamba Community College.

A list of scholarships with complete descriptions and an online application are available at ICC’s website, www.iccms.edu, then click on the Financial Aid tab and Scholarships at

ICC under the Financial Aid links.

Foundation scholarships are established and funded for ICC students by individuals, businesses, industries or organizations.

For more information on application, contact Diann Nichols, director of scholarships, at dmnichols@iccms.edu or call (662) 862-8067.

Winning design



Anna Nolley of Myrtle won first place (a \$200 MasterCard/Visa gift card) in the QEP logo contest to select the graphic above to be utilized to promote the Quality Enhancement Plan. John Willis of Pontotoc, left, placed second with a \$100 gift card, and Tucker Harris of Tupelo, third and a \$50 gift card. Entries were based on the theme, “Read. Lead. Succeed: Trending on Comprehending.” More than 40 submissions were judged by branding and design experts from outside of the College. The QEP is an instrumental part of ICC’s reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Mar. 23 Unite concert
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Peer consultants are the key to Writing Centers success

Staff Reports

Students helping students is the key to the success of Itawamba Community College's Writing Centers.

And that success is due to ICC's best and brightest students helping other students because they can relate.

The peer consultants, as they are called, read the submissions of student writing and make suggestions for improvement. They review assignments with students, read work the student has prepared in advance, ask and answer questions, work with students to improve writing skills and respond to work submitted through the online writing center. In addition, they assist with writing letters of application and other documents related to employment. They do not grade student papers, correct or proof-read for sentence-level errors nor rewrite passages.

The peer consultants are trained to help students become stronger



Students such as these in this file photo take advantage of the services offered by the Writing Centers at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses as well as online. ICC is one of only a few community colleges in the state with writing centers.

writers by serving as an active, engaged inquisitive reading audience. They work with students on their skill level on real assignments to improve their understanding of how college writing works. Various resources are employed including grammar tutorials, writing samples, research guides and database links to sharpen writing skills.

In order to take ad-

vantage of the services, students must submit their work in a Microsoft Word document as well as bring the assignment sheet, which has been read carefully, notes that have been made before the session and two copies of any drafts written in advance as well as sources.

Appointments can be scheduled from any computer at any time at [www.iccms.mywcon-](http://www.iccms.mywconline.com)

[line.com](http://www.iccms.mywconline.com), and students can make more than one appointment per day.

Work submitted online should be sent to writing_center@iccms.edu, and students may expect a response within 48 hours.

The Writing Centers assist students with all types of writing. They frequently work with students on biology and nursing essays, art and theatre reviews and busi-

ness documents like resumes'.

Papers cannot be left for someone to review. Each student must be present in order to receive help from a consultant.

The Writing Centers are such a part of campus life and they receive support from the College, faculty and students.

Students who visit the centers have an opportunity to rate their services,

and a common theme of the comments is "understanding"...whether it be the purpose of writing, awkward word selection or how to write an essay. Perhaps the student who remarked in one of those surveys, "One-on-one is great" said it best because peer consultants are the key.

ICC is one of only five or six community colleges that have writing centers.

Locations and times of the Writing Centers are the Fulton Campus - Technical Education Building 101, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Learning Resource Center, Monday-Thursday, 6-9 p.m.; and the Tupelo Campus - Student Support Center 122, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sherry Bennett is the director of the Student Success Center/Writing Center at the Fulton Campus, and Regina Moffett, the director of the Tupelo Campus Student Success and Writing Center.

MIBEST

A pathway out of poverty

**DR. JESSE SMITH
DR. ANDREA MAYFIELD**

Special to the Chieftain

Mississippi's economy rises and falls on its ability to put people to work in jobs that pay family-sustaining wages. Yet, one in five working-age (25-65 years old) adults in our state is a high school dropout. The unemployment rate for recent high school dropouts hovers at 30 percent and most certainly contributes to Mississippi's low workforce participation rate of 57 percent, the second lowest in the nation. Mississippi dropouts who do enter the workforce are typically destined to low skill, low wage jobs that offer little financial security.

The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that Mississippi has the highest proportion of workers employed in jobs paying at or below the federal minimum wage. At the same time, there are nearly 40,000 jobs available, right now, in Mississippi for a middle-skill worker - someone with education beyond high school but not a four-year degree. Middle skill jobs are the largest part of Mississippi's labor market and key industries in Mississippi are unable to find these skilled workers.

Mississippi did not reach this dilemma overnight. Our state has too few skilled workers to support a robust economy. Standing in the middle-skill jobs gap are community colleges, higher education institutions grounded in access and affordability. Mississippi's 15 community colleges, supported by a three-year, \$6 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation,

have developed a pathway out of poverty for high school dropouts and other low-skilled adults.

The MIBEST (Mississippi Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training) program combines high school equivalency preparation, for credit skills training and industry-based credentials with intensive support in a concurrent program that accelerates credential attainment and employment in middle skill occupations in manufacturing, healthcare, information technology and other in-demand career areas.

Mississippi is now one of 18 states in the nation to have this type of program, which is offered to students at no cost or minimum cost. MIBEST is a proven model for taking an individual who is dependent upon public assistance to an employed worker contributing to Mississippi's tax base.

The MIBEST program has already enrolled more than 1,200 students in approximately 60 career pathway programs. After just two semesters, 207 students have earned their high school equivalency and earned more than 1,000 industry-relevant credentials. Fundamental to the program is intensive support services that help students overcome barriers, including childcare, transportation, housing, finances and food insecurities. Thirty-eight percent



Smith



Mayfield

zenship in all of our years in education.

One of the students at Itawamba Community College who has taken advantage of the MIBEST program is Thomas Blake Saylors of Tupelo, who began working toward obtaining his high school equivalency diploma last May. While enrolled in Adult Basic Education classes, he learned about the MIBEST program and the opportunities and support it offered. He chose Welding and Cutting Technology as his Integrated Education and Training pathway program, and he will graduate in May. Saylors has also earned the Mississippi High School Equivalency diploma, all while maintaining a full-time job. He is currently applying for acceptance into an underwater welding program to further expand his career options as well as increase his earning potential. Because of the support and quality instruction that he has received through ICC's adult education, MIBEST and career and technical programs, Saylors is one of the program's best advocates because he has had the opportunity to experience its success. Mississippi's success is getting na-

of MIBEST students are first-generation college students in their families. We believe there's never been a better opportunity to take a person from poverty to productive citizen-

tional recognition. Recently, the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) selected Mississippi community college's MIBEST program as one of four finalists from across the nation for its 2017 College Corporate Partnership Award of Excellence. The winner will be announced at the AACC's annual conference in late April.

The Kellogg Foundation grant is set to expire in 2018; therefore, sustainable funding is needed.

Mississippi community colleges have touched many individuals in the course of our history. We know there are many among our alumni, friends and partners that would be willing to "pay it forward" by giving others the opportunities that the MIBEST program can provide.

The MIBEST program has the potential to impact the state like few programs before. In less than half a year, we are already seeing positive, tangible results that will benefit both the student and the state. - *Excerpts from an article that was designed to be published in support of HB 1615.* **Dr. Jesse Smith** is currently serving as chair of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, an association comprised of the 15 community and junior colleges in Mississippi. He is also the president of Jones County Junior College. **Dr. Andrea Mayfield** is the executive director of the Mississippi Community College Board.

Laken Jones named to All-Mississippi first team

Staff Reports

Laken Jones of Belden has been selected as a member of the All-Mississippi Academic Team first team. Named to the second team were Serenity Hawkins of Saltillo, Kathryn Knippers of Corinth and Allysa Lipsey of Pontotoc.

They will be honored and introduced on Wednesday at luncheon at the Jackson Convention Complex. Jones will be presented a \$1,000 scholarship provided on behalf of ICC. Both first and second team members will receive a legislative resolution and certificate. The program is sponsored by the Mississippi Association of

Community and Junior Colleges, Mississippi Community College Board, the *Clarion Ledger* and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Jones’s activities at ICC include All-American Marching Band, Indian Delegation, Baptist Student Union and the L.I.N. (Live Indian News) Report. She was selected to Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges and elected Miss Itawamba Community College. An occupational therapy major at ICC, she is the daughter of Tracy and Kimberla Jones.

Hawkins, who is majoring

in social work, is a member of the Indian Delegation, Tupelo Campus Student Government Association secretary, Phi Theta Kappa (Beta Tau Sigma chapter) recording secretary and a peer tutor in the Student Success Center. Her honors include Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges. She is also a member of NorthStar Church. Her parents are Amanda Scates and Tim Hawkins.

Knippers is majoring in elementary education at ICC, where she is a member of the *Mirror* staff, vice president of Service for Phi Theta Kappa

(Upsilon Sigma chapter), a resident assistant, Baptist Student Union Bible Study coordinator and a mathematics tutor in the Student Success Center. Her honors include Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges. Knippers is also the recipient of the Ann Stubblefield Gibbs Endowed Scholarship. She is the daughter of Brian and Terrissia Knippers.

Lipsey is a member of the *Chieftain* staff and the Indian Delegation, president of the Tupelo Campus Student Government Association and the Beta Tau Sigma chapter of Phi

Theta Kappa, tutor in the Student Success Center and consultant in the Writing Center. She also serves on the Enrollment, Academic and Commencement committees. Her honors include Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges. She is the daughter of Micheal and Tammy Lipsey.

The All-USA Community College Academic Team is presented by *USA TODAY* and Phi Theta Kappa. Twenty students will be selected from the state teams for the All-USA College and Community First Teams and will receive a \$2,500 cash award.

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Itawamba Community College is a two-year public supported institution dedicated to providing high quality educational opportunities that are accessible and affordable for the diverse needs of Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) college-parallel programs that allow students to transfer a maximum of two years of college work to four-year colleges and universities; 2) technical and career programs that prepare students for immediate employment; 3) continuing education and community service programs for individuals striving for personal growth and/or personal enrichment; 4) contributing to the needs of business and industry; 5) educational programs and services that meet the diverse needs of students including student development opportunities; 6) adult basic education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population; 7) current technology to advance educational purpose, including traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 8) strategies to encourage the improvement of relations and confirmation of programs with high schools, community/junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities; 9) development and implementation of activities that encourage and promote civic responsibility; and 10) programs of leadership training and professional growth to improve skills of faculty and staff.

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Itawamba Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Vice President of Student Services, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271, TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

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Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

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Capitol Day
ICC students, faculty and staff visit with area legislators during the March 8 event.



Mt. Dew to sponsor tourney to benefit ICC Bass Club

Staff Reports

Mountain Dew is sponsoring a bass tournament benefiting the ICC Bass Club.

The Mt. Dew Team Bass Trail Reunion tournament will be Apr. 15 at the Beaver Lake (Lock D) boat ramp on the Tennessee-

Tombigbee Waterway.

Entry fee is \$100 per boat, which includes big fish with an 80 percent payback to the anglers.

Blastoff is at daylight with weigh in at 3 p.m.

All contestants must have a

valid fishing license issued by Mississippi, Alabama or Tennessee.

For complete rules and regulations, contact ICC Bass Club sponsor Jason Campbell at (662) 862-8357 or email jwcampbell@iccms.edu.



Indian Delegation
Application deadline - April 1
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Evening of Celebration ICC to honor top scholars

MAGGIE BUSHWAY
Staff Writer

The top students will be honored during Itawamba Community College's annual Evening of Celebration: Honoring Academic Excellence Across the Curriculum at 6:30 p.m., Apr. 18, in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

Each year all of the academic departments select one student to honor. This includes career and technical and academic departments and divisions at all three of the College's locations - Fulton, Tupelo and Belden.

According to Anna Britt-Begnaud, chair of the Communications Division and the Honors Council, the speaker will be the Honorable Mike Mills, District Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Millis is an alumnus of ICC, the University of Mississippi and its School of Law and the University of Virginia School of Law. From 1984-95, he served as a Mississippi Representative, and in 2001 President George W. Bush nominated him to seat on the United States District Court.

Honorees include **Juan Garza** of Amory, Automotive Technology; **Brandon Thames** of Saltillo, Collision Repair; **Robert Lampkin** of Hamilton, Computer Networking Technology; **Aryn Till** of Saltillo, Computer Programming Technology; **Daniel Sturdivant** of Tremont, Diesel Equipment Technology; **Lisa Hudson** of Ecrú, Early Childhood Education Technology; **David Mills** of Fulton, Electrical Technology; **Hagan Box** of French Camp, Forestry Technology; **Kristen Gasaway** of Golden, Forestry Technology; **Nicole Sumerel** of Mooreville, Forestry Technology; **Nick Harmon** of Houston, Heating and Air Conditioning Technology; **Johnny Davis** of Fulton, Industrial Maintenance Technology; **Dakota Tutor** of Houlka, Interpreter Training Technology; **Donathaniel Keith** of Amory, Law Enforcement Technology; **Marissa Hammock** of Golden, Marketing Management Technology; **Justin Leathers** of Tremont, Paralegal Technology; **John Moore** of Vardaman, Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology; **Aaron "Drake" Sanders** of Saltillo, Welding and Cutting Technology; **Jimmy Coker** of Pontotoc, Associate Degree Nursing; **Jackie Ivy Jr.** of Belmont, Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic; **Vickie Renfro** of Amory, Health Information Technology; **Mollie Davidson** of Saltillo, Occupational Therapy Assistant; **Stuart Bennett** of Sherman, Physical Therapist Assistant; **Davette "Lane" Carnathan** of Shannon, Practical Nursing; **Ashlynn Bream** of Nettleton, Radiologic Technology; **Kennedy Warren** of Houlka, Respiratory Care Technology; **Joshua Shelton** of Pontotoc, Respiratory Care Technology; **April Derryberry** of Pontotoc, Surgical Technology; **Abigail Chase** of Smithville, Magnolia Gold Excellence; **Charles Sartin** of Randolph, Economics and Business Division; **Blake Guntharp** of Pontotoc, Modern Foreign Language and Natural Science Division; **Jared Shields** of Becker, Modern Foreign Language and Theatre; **Marissa Capriotti** of Senatobia, English; **Tyler Davis** of Amory, English; **Tucker Robbins** of Amory, Journalism; **Margaret Hatcher** of Aberdeen, Communications Division; **Benjamin Chandler** of Pontotoc, Computer Science; **Chayapat Tanopajai** of Tupelo, Computer Science Division; **Linda Spencer** of Tupelo, Art; **Javonis Adams** of Philadelphia, Music; **Justin Gary** of New Albany, Public Speaking; **Madison Nanney** of Saltillo, Theatre; **Ariel Burger** of Pontotoc, Fine Arts Division; **Cameron Lima** of Blue Mountain, Health, Physical Education and Recreation; **Carmen Perkins** of Hamilton, Health, Physical Education and Recreation Division; **Jeffrey Wade** of Hamilton, Mathematics; **William Kyle** of Tupelo, Mathematics Division; **Bailey Tutor** of Pontotoc, Biology; **Patrick Pearson** of Houston, Chemistry; **William Kyle** of Tupelo, Physics; **Bryce Hunt** of Tupelo, Natural Science Division; **Brody Skinner** of Smithville, Criminal Justice; **Kathryn Knippers** of Corinth, Geography; **Hayden Baker** of Pontotoc, History; **Adrian Moffett** of Amory, Political Science; **Sabrina Crumpton** of Tupelo, Psychology; **Kaitlyn Hall** of Guntown, Sociology; **William Cooper** of Nettleton, Social Science Division; and All-Mississippi Team members, **Laken Jones** of Belden, first; and **Allysa Lipsey** of Pontotoc, **Serenity Hawkins** of Saltillo and **Kathryn Knippers** of Corinth, all second.



Career Games

Residents of Itawamba Hall explore 'What Color is Your Personality' and the 'Power of Personality.'

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April 19
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7:00 p.m.



Members of ICC's Film Club.

ICC Film students Work on TV set provides experience of a lifetime

THOMAS SIMPSON
*Northeast Mississippi
Daily Journal*

TUPELO - Itawamba Community College will have the opportunity to work on the set of a professional television show next week in Tupelo.

The students will help design logos and costumes while also being featured as extras in a few scenes of New Jersey film producer P.J. Leonard's new show, "D.P.W."

Leonard, who is the producer and creator, said the show is "a great way to teach the students how the film industry works."

"D.P.W." is dedicated to Pat Rasberry, founder and former executive director of the Tupelo Film Commission, who died Sept. 16 after a three-year battle with cancer.

"After hearing of Pat's passing, I realized the impact she

truly had, not only on me, but also others in the film industry," Leonard said. "Her love for an industry that creates stories for others to view on screen reflects in the accolades the Tupelo Film Festival receives from the people who attend and from the dedicated volunteers."

"D.P.W.," also known as the "Department of Public Works," is a 30-minute situational comedy of blue-collar people leading simple lives set in the fictitious township of Rasberry, New Jersey.

"It's like a family atmosphere," Leonard said. "They might not like each other, but, working 40 hours a week together, they find a way to love each other."

The cast for the show includes Obba Babatundé, who won a Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Per-

former in a Drama Series; Josh Sussman, who is known for his role as Jacob Ben Israel in

"I'm beyond excited for this opportunity. It's a once in a lifetime experience."

"Glee" and James Madio, who played a lost boy in the film, "Hook" and Technician Fourth Grade Frank Perconte in "Band of Brothers,"

Morgan Cutturini is an English and film teacher at ICC. Leonard reached out to Cutturini after reading her tribute to Rasberry.

"P.J. was good friends with Pat and wanted to honor her with building the film program here at the school," Cutturini said. "He has given three months of his life to put this together and train and teach the kids."

Leonard and "D.P.W." have given ICC art and film students several important roles for the pilot's production.

Anna Nolley is a freshman at the college. She and several of her classmates have worked on logos for the town and show intro.

"I'm beyond excited for this opportunity," Nolley said. "It's a once in a lifetime experience, and I can't wait to be a part of it."

Cutturini believes this experience could be a "fantastic opportunity for the students to show off their creative talents."

"They are giving up their spring break and vacation time to work 40 hours on the set of an actual television show," she said. "That to me shows true maturity and dedication."

Leonard and his team are shooting the pilot in hopes of having someone purchase the show. With the success of shows produced on streaming sites like Netflix, Hulu and Amazon, the demand for entertainment is high.

"The benefit is high if this is successful," he said. "With the strength of the cast and the kids providing help with their work, I expect this to be a success. (ICC) and Tupelo will get behind this experience. - Article published on March 8, 2017 and reprinted with permission of the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal

Advising period begins today

KIRKSEY SHEFFIELD
Staff Writer

With the Spring semester flying by, students should begin preparing for the summer and fall semesters of 2017.

Schedules are currently available, while the advising period begins today (Mar. 20), according to Mande Miller, director of Advising.

Students should receive emails from their advisers, but if not, they can look on their myTribe account for their adviser's name.

Student Evaluation of Instruction surveys are also available today.

Sophomores who have completed 24 or more hours can register Apr. 4 while freshmen register Apr. 6. Readmission and transfer students begin

registration on Apr. 24. New students who are recent high school graduates are reminded that they must attend and complete an orientation session.

Registration will continue through exams, which are May 5-10.

If faculty advisers are not available, students are referred to the Student Affairs offices (in the David C. Cole Student Services Building on the Fulton Campus and the Student Support Center on the Tupelo Campus.)

Miller said that students should be able to use this information to register. However, if they have questions, they should contact her on the Fulton Campus at (662) 862-8066 or email mwmiller@iccms.edu.

PTK to induct members Mar. 30, Tupelo

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapters will induct new members in a formal ceremony at 6 p.m., Mar. 30, at the Multi-Purpose Building

on the Tupelo Campus.

Students who have joined both the Upsilon Sigma chapter at the Fulton Campus and the Beta Tau Sigma chapter at the Tupelo Campus will participate in the

ceremony.

A reception will honor inductees following the ceremony.

Faculty and staff, parents, family and friends are invited to attend.

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APRIL 29, 2017
9:00 A.M.
PLAY GARDEN
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Register online:
https://racesonline.com/events/icc-wellfit-365-5k

Food, craft vendors and live music will begin at noon.
Come run and stay for the fun.

ICC WellFit 365



Jabria Pounds, who was named to the MACJC All-Tournament Team, is in action against Coahoma during the regular season.

Lady Indians fall to Jones County in Region semifinals

ADAM GORE

Sports Information

The Itawamba Community College Lady Indians' basketball season came to an end after a hard-fought loss to No. 14 Jones County Junior College in the semifinals of the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 23 tournament, Mar. 9.

Trailing 65-63 with 1:01 left in the game, Jones took care of business from the free throw line to escape with a 70-65 victory to face Hinds Community College for the regional championship on Friday.

But not without a large question mark looming over the game.

With the Lady Bobcats clinging to a four-point lead and the Lady Indians gaining momentum, Jabria Pounds of Nettleton stole the ball at midcourt and took two steps toward the basket for an uncontested layup before the whistle blew on a questionable foul call that allowed Jones to knock down a pair of free throws to take a five-point lead with 45.3 seconds left in the game.

Pounds finished the game

with 14 points and 13 rebounds, her ninth double-double of the year and twelfth of her collegiate career.

Marlee Hatcher of Pontotoc finished with 17 points and five assists while Aaliyaha Thornton of Hernando added 11 and Zaida Cox of Ripley finished with 10 points.

LADY INDIANS DEFEAT CO-LIN

In a rematch of last year's regional championship game, the Lady Indians defeated Copiah-Lincoln Community College's Lady Wolves, 76-61.

ICC jumped out to a quick start after Grace Elliott of New Site nailed back-to-back three pointers and got six points from Cox to push the Lady Indians out to a 24-18 lead in the first quarter.

The Lady Indians' hot shooting continued in the second half as they pulled away for a 48-31 halftime lead. Elliott added another three early in the quarter to match Pounds' nine-point effort in the first half.

Co-Lin opened the second half on a 7-2 run to make it 50-38 at the 6:45 mark of the third

quarter before rallying to cut the Lady Indians' lead to 59-49 by the end of the third quarter.

The Lady Wolves got the first basket of the fourth quarter to make it a 59-51 game, but the Lady Indians were able to match Co-Lin shot-for-shot down the stretch before pulling away for the victory.

Pounds led the Lady Indians with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Asia Partlow of Tupelo added 16 points while Hatcher chipped in 13 in the victory.

Tryouts set

Staff Reports

FOOTBALL

ICC head football coach Sean Cannon has rescheduled a tryout for Mar. 22 at Eaton Field on the Fulton Campus.

The tryout will begin with registration at 12:30 p.m. at the fieldhouse, and participants will engage in non-contact combine drills. Cost of tryouts is \$20 (cash or check) and is open to any high school seniors or college student with remaining eligibility.

Participants are responsible for bringing an updated copy of their sports physical, cleats and workout clothes to participate in the tryout.

For more information, contact Cannon at jscanon@iccms.edu.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ICC head men's basketball coach Grant Pate has set tryouts for the 2017-18 season for Mar. 27 at 3 p.m. at the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus. Participants are responsible for bringing proper practice gear and an up-to-date physical.

Tryouts are open to all unsigned athletes who meet National Junior College Athletic Association and Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College eligibility standards.

For more information, contact Pate at jgpate@iccms.edu.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ICC head women's basketball coach Nanci Gray has scheduled tryouts for the 2017-18 team beginning at 3 p.m., Mar. 28, at the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

Participants are responsible for brining proper practice gear and an up-to-date physical.

Tryouts are open to all unsigned athletes who meet National Junior College Athletic Association and Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges eligibility standards. For more information, contact Gray at nmgray@iccms.edu.



Members of ICC's Bass Club pose for their yearbook photo recently.

ICC Bass Team continues success

CHRISTOPHER MONTGOMERY

Staff Writer

Last year, its first, ICC's Bass Fishing team placed 15th in the nation among 300 schools.

So far, the team participated Mar. 11-12 at Kentucky Lake and are set to take part Apr. 7-8 at Kentucky Lake in Gilbertsville, Ky. and May 22-26 at Pickwick Lake in Florence, Ala.

At press time, the ICC team was ranked in the top 10 in the nation.

Members of the team include Ty Cox, Jake Houston, Fisher Young, Seth Russell, Dillon Easley, Justin

Gillentine and Colby Bickerstaff.

Beginning in August, the Bass Club will be the first to have a fishing scholarship in Mississippi, Coach Jason Campbell said the endowed scholarship was presented in memory and to honor long-time instructor Gene Tilghman, who "loved to fish."

ICC's Bass Club is responsible for obtaining funds for its events, and one of the ways that students, faculty and staff and assist is through the purchase of Bass fishing t-shirts, which are available in the ICC bookstore on the Fulton Campus.

The club is also selling chances

on a lawnmower or garden tiller. Individuals can purchase one chance for \$2, or 3 for \$5, Campbell said.

Campbell sponsors the club in his spare time when he is not teaching principles of biology I and II and zoology I and II at the Fulton Campus.

"I can't really explain why, but it's happening," Campbell said last year, when the team experienced incredible success.

ICC's Bass Club has caught more than a big haul of fish since it began. The members have also caught each other's enthusiasm for the sport.

The art of standing TALL

Take pride. It’s a funny phrase, isn’t it?

But what does it really mean for someone to be proud? Google defines pride as a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction as a result of one’s own achievements. There are some athletes who are proud of every small victory, and then there are some who refuse to acknowledge anything they have accomplished until they have met their end goal. The difference is found within each individual and his/her own expectations.

So to all, athletes, even the hard to please, I would say that at the end of the day, they should be standing tall.

Why?

Because every day that they grow stronger, faster or more skilled is another day they prove the people, who say that they can’t, wrong.

These same people are just like a crowd that cheers for the opposing team. These fans, feeling innocent in their actions, will sometimes call things out to whichever players are not their own, and these words, for some athletes, rain down like a raging storm of knives, each one threatening to pierce their spirits and leave them broken.

But these insults do little more than to scratch the surface of an athlete’s skin because even though the rain drops are as sharp as knives, the player remembers that they are only raindrops. This is the most important time for him/her to stand as tall as humanly possible. They might be drenched by raindrops of hate or criticism, but they still manage to keep playing the game that they love. Some do lose faith and give up because of things that are said to them, but some choose to take these words and use them to make themselves stronger. The amount of commitment to persevere and go back and train harder just to play a game they love is something to be proud of.

So they should take pride in every day, not because someone told them to or the amount of wins their team has, but simply because they don’t let anything get in the way of their passion. And that is definitely a reason to stand tall.



Tucker Robbins
Commentary



ICC SPRING SPORTS *In full swing*

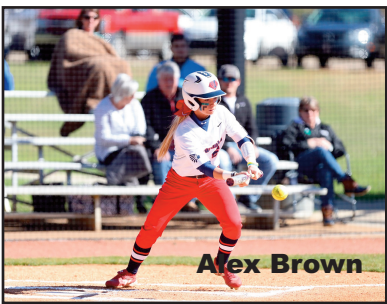


Cody Shelton *Livingstone* *signee*

ICC’s Cody Shelton of Ripley will continue his education and football career at Livingstone College.

Shelton finished his career with 33 tackles and one sack in 14 games. He recorded eight tackles in the Indians’ hard-fought game against East Mississippi during his sophomore season.

Livingstone College is located in Salisbury, N.C.



Alex Brown



Caroline Dickens

Brown, Dickens *Player, Pitcher* *of the Week*

ICC softball players Alex Brown of Pontotoc recently earned Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Player of the Week, and Caroline Dickens of Batesville, Pitcher of the Week honors.

Brown hit .667 with eight RBI, three runs scored, three doubles, one steal, one walk and reached base three times against Jackson State.

Spotlight



COMING UP IN ICC ATHLETICS...

GOLF

Apr. 1-2 @ East MS Invitational
Apr. 9-10 @ MACJC Championship
Apr. 24-25 @ NJCAA Region 23 Championship

BASEBALL

Mar. 22 vs. Holmes	3 p.m.
Mar. 25 @ Meridian	2 p.m.
Apr. 1 vs. Pearl River	2 p.m.
Apr. 5 @ Northeast	2 p.m.
Apr. 8 @ Jones	2 p.m.
Apr. 11 vs. Northwest	3 p.m.
Apr. 14 @ Southwest	2 p.m.
Apr. 19 @ Coahoma	1 p.m.
Apr. 22 @ East Central	2 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Mar. 22 @ Northwest	2 p.m.
Mar. 25 @ Pearl River	1 p.m.
Mar. 28 Coahoma	2 p.m.
Apr. 1 vs. East Central	2 p.m.
Apr. 5 @ MS Delta	2 p.m.

All games are doubleheaders.

TENNIS

Mar. 24 vs. Wallace St.	2 p.m.
Mar. 28 vs. Northeast	1 p.m.
Mar. 31 @ Jones	
Apr. 1 @ Gulf Coast	
Apr. 8 @ Holmes	11 a.m.
Apr. 19 State tournament begins @ Gulf Coast	

ON THE SCHEDULE

Hall of Fame includes twelve sophomores

Staff Reports

Twelve Itawamba Community College sophomores have been selected as members of the prestigious Hall of Fame for 2016-17.

They include Scott Dunahue, Serenity Hawkins, both of Saltillo; Jennifer Finnie of Nettleton; Margaret Hatcher, Taylor Kelley, Allysa Lipsey, Noah Tackitt, all of Pontotoc; Robert Lampkin of Hamilton; Taylor McKnight of Ecru; Adrian Moffett, Jared Shields, both of Becker; and Rita “Nicole” Sumerel of Mooreville.

Scott Dunahue is majoring in nursing at ICC, where he is a Dean’s List scholar and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. He is married to Laken Dunahue and is the son of Donald and Lynn Dunahue.

A practical nursing major at ICC, **Jennifer Finnie** is a Dean’s List scholar. She is the daughter of Jonie Gilbert and Johnny Foy and is married to Kenneth Finnie.

Margaret Hatcher is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Modern Foreign Language Club and the Baptist Student Union. Her honors include Communications Division award and a President’s List scholar. She is majoring in English. Her parents are Tonya and Scott Hatcher.

Serenity Hawkins, who is majoring in social work, is a member of the Indian Delegation, secretary of the Student Government Association, recording secretary of Phi Theta Kappa, peer tutor in the Student Success Center and consultant for the Writing Center. Her honors include Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges and the All-Mississippi Academic Team. She is the daughter of Timothy Hawkins and Amanda Scates.

A communications major at ICC, **Taylor Kelley** is a member of Indian Delegation, Orientation Leader, Student Government Association officer and member of the Science Club and Baptist Student Union. Her honors are Phi Theta Kappa and a President’s List scholar. Her parents are Shane and Patricia Kelley.

Robert Lampkin is majoring in computer networking and programming. His honors include Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges and President’s List scholar. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Computer Programming and Networking Association. His parents are Kyle Lampkin and Judy Lampkin.

Allysa Lipsey, who is majoring in secondary mathematics education, is a member of Indian Delegation, *Chieftain* staff, All-American Band and the academic, enrollment and judicial committees as well as a peer tutor. Her honors include Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges, President’s List scholar, All-Mississippi Academic Team, Phi



Selected to ICC’s Hall of Fame for 2016-17 include seated, from left, Allysa Lipsey, Serenity Hawkins, Taylor McKnight, Taylor Kelley, Margaret Hatcher; standing, Noah Tackitt, Adrian Moffett, Nicole Sumerel, Jared Shields, Jennifer Finnie, Scott Dunahue and Robert Lampkin. They will be featured in the 2017 edition of the *Mirror*.

Theta Kappa and Student Government Association president. She is the daughter of Tammy and Micheal Lipsey.

A business marketing major, **Taylor McKnight** is a member of Indian Delegation and Phi Theta Kappa. Her honors include Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges and President’s List scholar. She is the daughter of Ronald and Karla McKnight.

Adrian Moffett is majoring in industrial technology. His activities include Indian Delegation, Phi Theta Kappa, Baptist Student Union, resident assistant, Political Science Club and Orientation Leader. Moffett’s honors are Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges, Political Science award, Phi Theta Kappa Regional Secretary and ACT Incentive Scholar. He is the son of Ken Moffett and Stephanie Moffett.

Jared Shields is majoring in radio and television communication. His activities are Film Club, drama production, Phi Theta Kappa, Modern Language Club, All-American Marching Band and the Writing Center. Shields’ honors include President’s List scholar, Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges, Theatre Department and Modern For-

eign Language awards and ICC creative writing screenplay selected for Mississippi Creative Writing competition. He is the son of Margaret Shields and the late Jeff Shields.

A forestry technology major, **Nicole Sumerel** is a Diamond Girl and member of the Forestry Club at ICC. Her honors include Positively ICC, Forestry Technology award and Dean’s List scholar. She is the daughter of Michael and Wanda Sumerel.

Noah Tackitt is majoring in mathematics. His honors include treasurer of both the Student Government Association and Phi Theta Kappa and President’s List scholar. He also participates in intramurals. His parents are Kristi Tackitt and Paul Tackitt.

ICC faculty and staff nominate members of the Hall of Fame each January. Qualifications include freshman and sophomore work at ICC and current enrollment in 12 or more semester hours with an overall GPA of 2.5 or better. Criteria for selection are active in college activities, good attitude toward students and staff; loyalty and service to the institution, initiative, reliability, leadership and character.

The Hall of Fame is featured in the 2017 ICC yearbook, the *Mirror*.

Guntharp, Jones named Mr., Miss ICC

Staff Reports

Blake Guntharp of Pontotoc and Laken Jones of Belden have been elected as Mr. and Miss Itawamba Community College for 2017.

BLAKE GUNTARP

Guntharp is a biochemistry (pre-med) major at ICC, where he is Phi Theta Kappa Upsilon Sigma chapter president, Student Government Association vice president, Science Club treasurer, biology tutor, resident assistant, orientation leader and member of the Modern Foreign Language Club, Baptist Student Union, curriculum com-

mittee and disciplinary committee. His honors include Modern Foreign Language Department and Natural Science Division awards, Dowell Leadership scholarship, HEADWAE Outstanding Academic Student, president’s list and Who’s Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges. He is the son of Keith and Anna Guntharp and Keith and Melissa Lindsey.

LAKEN JONES

Jones is majoring in occupational therapy at ICC where her honors include president’s and dean’s lists, Who’s Who

Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges, All-Mississippi Academic Team first team and Phi Theta Kappa. She is a member of the All-American Marching Band, Indian Delegation, Baptist Student Union and the L.I.N. (Live Indian News) Report. Her parents are Tracy and Kimberla Jones.

They will be featured in the 2017 ICC yearbook, the *Mirror*.

Qualifications include enrollment in 12 or more hours and sophomore status. Three men and three women were on the ballot.



Blake Guntharp and Laken Jones were elected Mr. and Miss Itawamba Community College in recent balloting.